

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 3 on page 2 with the following rewritten paragraph.

It is known to use an external storage device for a computer that uses a removable medium which can be attached to and detached from a system. A removable medium has been widespread in use in part because of its superior portability and also in part as the recording medium can be taken out of a storage device. Additionally, it is known that a removable medium also provides convenience to an end user in that it can be attached to a computer for immediate use. There are various kinds of removable media such as an ATA (AT Attachment) card to be used for a PCMCIA (Personal Computer Memory card International Association) slot, a USB (Universal Serial Bus) card to be attached to a USB port for use, and a magnetic disk or an optical disk to be mounted on a dedicated disk drive (driving device) for use.